COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 21st, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, May 21st, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes states, those who wish to stand may stand, or you may remain seated.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Mark Mayfield from Great Faith Christian Center.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders

Absent: Miklik

The minutes of the Public Hearings & Council Meeting Minutes May 14th, 2018 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Hayes states, we will set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #6898. This is for Darrough Chapel neighborhood Kenwood Gardens Annexation on July 30th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Sanders states, I want to announce that the Serve Together will be happening for the third year. It is June 9th, 10th, 2018. It is a time when the Community, Churches come together and do work in the Community. There will be a service on Sunday evening for Community Service, at the Kokomo Municipal Baseball Stadium. We are thankful for all the partnerships, and City, and all the Businesses that give. If you are interested you can go online, and sign up to participate.
COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Cameron states, I have been involved, in trying to find where the School Safety was in relationships to any violence, or whether there is safety protocol. I have called my committee together to get advice. Citizens and several other constituents in the City to discuss this. Also invite School Superintendent, Mayor to get some type of safety protocol. We have kids out there I personally spoken to that are scared; and also parents. I think as a City and Chairman of Safety & Welfare I think we need to do something to bring this to ahead. Sometime early in June I will be calling a meeting; to go forward with this.

ORDINANCE 6894: Rezoning: R1 to M2
Location: 2110 S. Lafountain Street
Petitioner: Tom Harrold
First reading

Ordinance 6894 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6894 on first, and second reading; Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6894 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Tom Harrold 1221 Appletree Lane Kokomo, Ind. states, I would like to introduce the Developer, and Engineer, if you have any questions please feel free to ask.
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Cont. Ordinance #6894.
Dave VanBaalen, I am one of the Developers on this project. We brought some pictures to share with you. This would be a Student Housing Project for IUK. Every room will be a suite; which means private bedroom, and bathroom. We think it’s different for what some students have been a custom to; it’s a step-up. Security will be very high on our agenda. We are going to start at a 125 beds.

We are going to take the corner on Lafountain and Boulevard where the kids will be able to walk right across the street. We named it University Park. It’s a three story very modern, and we believe it will greatly enhance the IUK Campus, and experience for the students. This year IUK was the only Campus in IU system that had growth. We are really excited about it, and being part of Kokomo.

Councilman Cameron ask, is it handicap accessible?

Dave VanBaalen states, absolute.

President Hayes states, I think this will take IUK to the next level; of being a true College.

Councilman Whikehart states, this is a great example of being in demand that we have for housing. I do have a question; do you plan to use Local Contractors, Local Labors for developing this project.

Dave VanBaalen states, there will be a bid. We absolutely attend to invite all Local Trades to be involved.

Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Tom Harrold is requesting a change in zone classification from R1 (Very Low Density Residential) to M2 (General MultiFamily Residential) for property located at 2110 South Lafountain Street.
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Cont. Ordinance #6894.
The plan use is for a Student Housing Complex. They plan on having 125 beds, and bath included. The zoning request is comparable with the surroundings zoning in that area. The Plan Commission Meeting had a few individuals that had some questions about it; but they are pleased to have it.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

**ORDINANCE 6895:**

Rezoning: C1 to R4
Location: 612 N. Webster Street
Petitioner: Dave Sullivan
First reading

Ordinance 6895 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6895 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Whikehart.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6895 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Paul Wyman for Dave Sullivan is requesting a change in zone classification from C1 (Small to Medium Scale General Commercial) to R4 (Medium Density Urban Residential) for property located at 612 N. Webster Street. The plan use is for residents. The request zoning change is comparable with the surrounding zoning area. There were no remonstrators at the Plan Commission.
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Cont. Ordinance #6895.
Paul Wyman 1533 W. Lincoln Road Kokomo, Ind. states, we are asking for rezoning back to residential; at one time this was a beautiful old home in Kokomo; and had most recently was office space; our buyer would like to re-utilize it as residential again. If you look in the area you have residential, and commercial in the area; but certainly when the Plan Commission looked at it there was enough residential to give it a favorable recommendation.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

ORDINANCE 6896:
Rezoning: C1 to LI
Location: 251 & 305 Pipeline Way
Petitioner: Anthony Cooper for Green Cube

First reading
Ordinance 6896 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6896 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6896 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Anthony Cooper for Green Cube is requesting a zone classification from C1 (Small to Medium Scale General Commercial) to LI (Low intensity Industrial/Business Park) for property located at 251 & 305 Pipeline Way.
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Cont. Ordinance #6896.
The planned use is a Green Energy Technology Center. This property is located in an area that is proposed for general commercial uses is compatible zoning designation for that area.

Amy Barber states, Green Cubes address is 4124 Cartwright Drive Kokomo, Ind. states, we have been at that location for over two years now. We are growing every-day so we need more space. We are trying to get the rezoning done so we can build our new building, which will also bring new jobs to Kokomo. We are looking about adding about (70) new jobs to Kokomo. We build lithium ion batteries for fork trucks, and pallet jacks. We will manufacture those here in Kokomo. We will be hiring higher level people; just all sorts of people that we would be bringing jobs to.

Councilman Cameron asks, what will your pay scale be?

Amy Barber states, anywhere starting from $12.00; it is a wide range of pay.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

ORDINANCE 6897:

AN ORDINANCE UPDATE THE KOKOMO CODE OF ORDINANCES
Second reading (As Amended)

Ordinance 6897 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6897 on second reading (As Amended); seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Whikehart states, we are going to appeal over forty different codes from our current code book.
Cont. Ordinance #6897.
The amended section does add that we are going to appeal the code that deals with licensing on circus. I also want to point out that we did have a public meeting with this; the Public Works & Welfare Committee. I want to thank all the committee members for that. We spent over an hour looking thru the codes. I also want to thank our Council Attorney, Corbin King, City Attorney Beth Copeland. This is a good way to modernize our code book and bring it up to 2018. Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading (As Amended).

ORDINANCE 6898:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO INDIANA ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A VOLUNTARY PETITION, PLACING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND MAKING THE SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA ("KENWOOD GARDENS ANNEXATION")

First reading

Ordinance 6898 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6898 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Cameron.

Councilman Whikehart states, I would point out that this is a voluntary annexation. It is citizen led.
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Cont. Ordinance #6898.
I just wanted the public to know that.

Councilwoman Young states, as I read this, it will have that in there.

Councilwoman Young states, this is an ordinance of the Common City Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana. It is an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City. Kenwood Gardens known as the Darrough Chapel area. Following receipt of the voluntary petition place in the area in the corporate boundaries making it part of the City of Kokomo. All Council Members have received a map attached with the ordinance. This is on the Northeast side of Markland to be annexed in. Whereas City officials have conducted such outreach meetings, and have provided citizens with information regarding the proposed annexation as required. Whereas, responsible planning and State Law require adoption of a written fiscal plan and a definite policy for the provisions of services to the annexed area. Whereas, this Council has previously adopted by resolution a written fiscal plan and definite policy for the provision. Whereas, Exhibit A is a legal description of the territory to be annexed in; which territory consists of approximately 22.13 acres, more or less. The annexation territory is hereby assigned to Common Council District No. 3. The effective date of this annexation shall be as soon as lawfully permitted following its adoption of the Publication as required by law.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first reading.
RESOLUTION 2710: ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN AND DEFINITE POLICY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 6898

City Clerk read the Resolution by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on resolution #2710; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Whikehart states, by stated by Councilwoman Young I appreciate the very thorough description. We have to pass an Fiscal Plan which is required by the State since we currently have pending before an Annexation under ordinance #6898; which would annexation certain areas that was described by Councilwoman Young. I would urge Council to go on ahead, and support this resolution to continue on with the process with the annexation.

Councilman Kennedy states, this particular resolution describes in detail all the cost associated with the annexation. All the services that will be provided to the area does not have the timeline on every service because some will take longer than others; Police, Fire, Trash, all the services that are available in the City. You’re welcome to get a copy if you would like to see how the Fiscal Plan is organized. It covers every aspect of City Services.

President Hayes states, thank you for attending, and showing up. If this passes, welcome.

Councilwoman Young states, I have a list of the places, and numbers in Kokomo where they can call for services.

President Hayes states, just to let you folks know, it takes a little time this does not happen right away.
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Cont. Resolution #2710
Your next important date that you want to remember is July 30th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. for the Public Hearing. We have 30 days, and no longer than 60 days to act upon the second reading of the ordinance.

President Hayes states, we have a motion on the floor, it has been discussed. President Hayes called for any other comments. This is important; this is an annexation. I do not want to rush anything through.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be June 11th, 2018 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room, and Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourned at 6:25 P.M.  

[Signature]
President

ATTEST: 

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CITY CLERK